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Dear Susan, Merrilee, Stephie, Kamara, and David,

The most important aspect about cleaning up the SSFL site is that we protect the public health. I am not interested here about levels of cleanup, etc. I am talking about the perceived risk to the community today v the real risk to the community.

I don't know the real risk to the community because none of the Public Health Studies have been specific. Other studies go against what some studies say.

So what we need is first of all, someone with the credentials to explain health risk. They need to define "cancer clusters". It needs to be someone independent - someone who is not biased.

When I saw my Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield - and he said - what about the "cancer clusters" - that tells me that either he does not know what a cancer cluster is, or that he has been told that there are cancer clusters. Many people believed that the retinoblastoma children were a "cancer cluster". No one has told the media that is not true.

The media seems to only shed light on the SSFL site when it thinks it is doing something "news worthy". The media does not know how much remediation has been done at the site.

Anyway, I think that the only way to take away the alarm in the community is to educate - to bring in a toxicologist from DTSC or someone from the CA DPH that can explain cancer clusters and risk.

This is what I am reading: [http://www.epa.gov/region02/health/cancer\\_clusters.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region02/health/cancer_clusters.htm)

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/clusters>

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Sites-Types/childhood>

<http://ehpnet1.niehs.nih.gov/children/resources.html>

<http://wonder.cdc.gov/wonder/prevguid/m0001797/m0001797.asp> (outdated)?

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/upload/SSFL\\_Letter\\_WestValleyMothers\\_020907.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/upload/SSFL_Letter_WestValleyMothers_020907.pdf) -

I have not yet found a correlation with anything environmental.

<http://www.envirohealthpolicy.net/kidstest/Cancer%20Pages/EnvironmentalCausesCancerChildren.htm>

<http://www.retinoblastomainfo.com/pages/FAQs.htm>

Since it is from EPA Region IX, I thought that maybe this was something that TASC could do via the DTSC meetings.

Thanks!

*Chris*